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## Optimism and Frustration

I am glad that the Environmental Management Advisory Committee is going to talk about climate change, the biggest public health challenge we will ever face as a species.

When I moved to Florence four years ago, I was excited by the prospect of living in a “City in Motion,” and I was optimistic that the motion would seek to serve the broadest number of people living here.

I do not tend to see things in terms of political party affiliation; instead I tend to see things in terms of how they affect people, places, and things.

So it's been frustrating to find out how politically divided Florence Oregon really seems to be...I thought things that impact our essential quality of life, such as air, water, and land....would surely matter to everyone with similar urgency.

It's been a shock to find out that some people actually think that the changing climate is part of some political platform. There are elements in how and why the climate is changing that each group has different views about...yet I know that my neighbors of other political persuasions had just as much trouble breathing recently as I did...

So kudos to you for choosing to put climate on the agenda, and PLEASE welcome engagement from the public to the extent that it can make progress more achievable.

If we are not part of the solution, we are indeed, part of the problem.

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P.S. I am hopeful that you can not only encourage townspeople to complete the Lane County Survey, but ALSO adapt it for use in Florence so our City Council can draft a Climate Change Action Plan and join a wide range of states, cities, and countries around the world who have already done so.

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